

REMARKS

The present application included pending claims 1-20, of which claims 1-4, 9-10 and 14 were rejected. Claims 15-20 were allowed, while claims 5-8 and 11-13 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. By this Amendment, claims 1 and 10 have been amended and claims 6 and 11 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. New claims 21-23 have been added. .

Claims 1-3, 9-10 and 14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by United States Patent No. 6,593,884 ("Gilboa"). As indicated in the Office Action, "[c]laims 5-8 and 11-13 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form...." See September 4, 2007 Office Action at page 3.

Claim 1 has been amended to recite the limitations of previously pending claim 6, which, as noted above, was objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. Thus, claim 1 should now be in condition for allowance.

Claim 10 has been amended to recite the limitations of previously pending claim 11, which, as noted above, was also objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. Thus, claim 10 should now be in condition for allowance.

New claim 21 effectively recites the limitations of claim 5, as previously recited. Thus, new claim 21 should be in condition for allowance.

New claim 22 effectively recites the limitations of claim 7, as previously recited. Thus, new claim 22 should be in condition for allowance.

New claim 23 effectively recites the limitations of claim 8, as previously recited. Thus, new claim 23 should be in condition for allowance.

The fee for these new claims is calculated as follows:

1 additional claim¹ in excess of 20 X \$50/claim = \$50

3 additional independent claims in excess of 3 X \$210/claim = \$630

TOTAL = \$680

¹ Note, the application now includes 21 total claims.

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In general, the Office Action makes various statements regarding the claims and the cited reference that are now moot in light of the above. Thus, the Applicant will not address such statements at the present time. The Applicant expressly reserves the right, however, to challenge such statements in the future should the need arise (e.g., if such statement should become relevant by appearing in a future claim rejection).

The Applicant respectfully submits that the pending claims of the present application define patentable subject matter, and request reconsideration of the claim rejections. If the Examiner has any questions or the Applicant can be of any assistance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney for the Applicant. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any necessary fees, including the \$650 fee for the new claims, or credit any overpayment to Account No. 07-0845.

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